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29 DUI Arrests Made During the Month of May

The Beaverton Police Department is participating in a yearlong National Traffic Safety Campaign, with a focus on impaired drivers.

The Beaverton Police Department has officers out on focused patrols for impaired drivers. The goal of this campaign is to save lives and educate the motoring public about the dangers of driving impaired. During the month of June, officers will continue their efforts to take impaired drivers off of Beaverton streets. These High Visibly Enforcement (HVE) details are paid for by grant funds. So far this year Beaverton Police Officers have taken 175 impaired drivers off of Beaverton streets.

Drunk driving, impaired driving or buzzed driving all have the potential to claim lives and often will result in jail time. The men and women of the Beaverton Police Department ask you to please think about this before you operate a motor vehicle after drinking alcohol or using any other substance that impairs your ability to safely operate a motor vehicle.

The Cost of Drunk Driving:

- Approximately one-third of all traffic crash fatalities in the United States involve drunk drivers (with blood alcohol concentrations [BACs] of .08 or higher). In 2013, there were 10,076 people killed in these preventable crashes.
- In 2013, approximately 1 in 5 child (12 and younger) passenger deaths were in drunk-driving crashes. Seventy-one percent of the time, it was the child's own driver who was drunk.
- Of those child passengers killed while riding with a drunk driver, 44 percent weren't buckled up at the time of the crash.
- In addition to the human toll drunk driving takes on our country, the financial impact is devastating as well: based on 2010 numbers (the most recent year for which cost data is available), impaired-driving crashes cost the United States \$49.8 billion annually.

For more sobering statistics on drunk driving in the United States, visit www.trafficsafetymarketing.gov.

The Beaverton Police Department takes impaired driving seriously and these grant funds allow us to have dedicated officers out looking for those impaired drivers.

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